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EXECUTIVE BOARD

BOARD OF APPEALS (BOA) SEAT FILLED | On June 15th, 2026, the Village Board of Trustees voted to appoint **Scott Hansing** to the Board of Appeals. The seat became vacant following the passing of the BOA's longtime member, neighbor and friend, Rick Hennig. We express our deepest condolences to Rick's family, along with our sincere gratitude for his many years of dedicated service and friendship to the Village of North Bay; his contributions will be deeply missed.

Scott and his wife Krista have owned their North Bay home since 2012. They have four children, two who are in college and two who are adults who have left the nest. Scott works at SC Johnson while Krista is a teacher at St. John's Lutheran School. Scott mentioned, "We love North Bay. Life has taken us to different places across the globe, but this is home. The trees, the beach, the peace, and the people. It's a pleasure to give a small portion of my time back to the village."



Mr. Hansing took the oath of office for his appointed role on July 20, 2026. We are thrilled to have Scott join our team!

NEW SAFETY ORDINANCE RELATED TO FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

Ordinance #2026-2 regarding Fire Hydrants was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees on August 17, 2026, and went into effect on August 18, 2026. [Click here](https://www.vnbwi.gov/government/municipal-code) or visit the Village Ordinances page of the website (<https://www.vnbwi.gov/government/municipal-code>)

The new ordinance stipulates that property owners shall maintain an unobstructed clearance around all fire hydrants of not less than three (3) feet in all directions, including a minimum vertical clearance of three (3) feet above the hydrant. In addition, the property owner shall maintain an unobstructed clearance of not less than six (6) feet in width between the fire hydrant and the adjacent street or roadway. The required clearance area shall be kept free of snow, ice, and vegetation, including but not limited to trees, tree limbs, shrubs, weeds, plants, or any other obstruction that exceeds four (4) inches in height.

Maintaining clear access allows emergency personnel to reach hydrants quickly and without delay during critical situations. Property owners with a hydrant located within their easement area are asked to relocate or remove any vegetation with the clearance radius no later than September 30, 2026.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **North Bay's new website is live!** The new Village website officially launched on August 25, 2026! Featuring a modern design, it ensures full ADA compliance while offering enhanced, user-friendly access to key information. Because website content and links change over time, third-party links may sometimes become inactive. If you encounter a broken link, please report it to the Village Clerk at: clerk@vnbwi.gov.
- **UPCOMING NORTH BAY MERCHANDISE SALE!** | In partnership with BSN Sports, North Bay is excited to host its inaugural online swag store starting next week. Residents will be able to purchase polo shirts (long and short sleeve), fleece hoodies, and t-shirts (long and short sleeve) that will be shipped directly to your home. Full details will be shared through email and posted on our new website as soon as the shop goes live.

CONSTABLE | *Tom La Fave*

FIRE HYDRANT PARKING STATE LAW | Under Wisconsin state law, parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant is prohibited. To help drivers easily identify these restricted zones, curbs near hydrants will be painted red.

SAFETY TIPS FROM CHIEF SHARRETT

- Always lock your car doors after entering or leaving your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Have your car keys in your hand so you don't have to linger before entering your car.
- Check the interior of your vehicle for intruders before entering your car.
- If you think you are being followed, drive to a public place or a police or sheriff's station.
- Don't stop to aid motorists by the side of the road. Make a phone call requesting help for them.

Do you have a safety concern? Let us know! 262-639-3022 or police@windpoint.org

TREASURER | *Robert E. O'Brien*

2027 BUDGETING | The budgeting process for the 2027 fiscal year has officially begun. We are working diligently to allocate resources effectively to meet the Village's needs for the coming year. Stay tuned for further updates.

WATER & WASTEWATER | *Rick Cermak*

NORTH BAY BEACH WATER QUALITY | The Village of North Bay is pleased to announce that Parkway Beach has maintained **excellent water quality** throughout the summer! Weekly testing for E. coli is conducted by the City of Racine Health Department between Memorial Day and Labor Day. You can review the findings on the Wisconsin DNR website or check the

status indicator displayed at the base of the beach stairs. Throughout the season, Parkway Beach has consistently stayed in the green status, reflecting minimal to non-detectable E. coli levels. We are thrilled to pass along this update to our community and guests, and we hope you take full advantage of our wonderful beach! To learn more, please visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Beaches>.

VILLAGE HALL | Clerk Dori A. Panthofer

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Polling Site: Village Hall (3615 Hennepin Place) - Voting Hours: 7AM - 8PM

ELECTION FACTS | Everything you need to know about voting can be found on the [Wisconsin Elections Commission](https://elections.wi.gov) The URL is: <https://elections.wi.gov/voters>

VOTER REGISTRATION | Proof of residence is required to register to vote. Visit <https://elections.wi.gov/Register> for information about voter eligibility and the 28 day residency requirement.

1. Online; up to 20 days before the election (Visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us)
2. By mail; up to 20 days before the election
3. In the Municipal Clerk's Office; during in person Early Voting
4. At the Polling Place on Election day

VOTING BY MAIL IN ABSENTEE BALLOT | Visit www.myvote.wi.gov/en-us to apply for an absentee ballot. ***Please allow at least 7 days for mail delivery in both directions, as recommended by the US Postal Service.***



CLICK HERE to:

- Register to vote (*on or before the deadlines set by the WEC - Wisconsin Election Commission*)
- Apply to vote absentee & track your absentee ballot
- Verify your voter information & update your name or address
- Find your polling place & see what's on the Ballot

CONTACT INFO

For access to member listings of the Executive Board, Planning Commission and Board of Appeals, Building/Fence/HVAC Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Village Assessor and Service Providers, please visit the [Contact Us](https://www.vnbwi.gov/how-do-i/contact-us) page on the Village website. The URL is: <https://www.vnbwi.gov/how-do-i/contact-us>

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Meetings that are scheduled as of this publication appear in the Upcoming Village Meetings table below. Stand Up and Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled as needed and announced with proper notice.

Meetings are held at Village Hall located at 3615 Hennepin Place. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Village Hall and the Village website under [News and Announcements](#) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (News & Announcements URL: www.vnbwi.gov/news-announcements/). Dates and times of meetings are subject to change with proper notice.

Village meetings are open to the public. Please note: Public Comment may only be given orally and in person. Visit the [Village Meetings](#) page of the Village website for more information.

UPCOMING VILLAGE MEETINGS

Monday, September 14th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, October 12th, 2026	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 26th, 2026 <i>November meeting moved up.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting
Monday, November 30th, 2026 <i>December meeting moved up.</i>	6:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting * <i>Tentative</i> 7:00 PM - 2027 Budget Hearing 7:05 PM - Executive Board Meeting